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NCC Reaches Homestretch On Neighborhood Shopping Center NJEDA Issues Initial Resolution

The NCC Board of Trustees has announced a tentative March 21, 1985 construction start for the long-awaited Neighborhood Shopping Center which will have a Pathmark Food Supermarket as its anchor tenant. NCC President Arthur Wilson released a statement saying that "we are making great progress on the project every day and are very close to a groundbreaking."

The construction of this facility (which will provide about **250 new jobs** when it is operational) will be the culmination of many years of hard work by NCC and the many friends who are working with NCC to help make this dream come true. Among these friends and supporters are:

Governor Thomas H. Kean who has offered his total support and the assistance of his office;

Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson who has written to NJEDA to express his full support and the fullest cooperation of his staff;

Central Ward Councilman George Branch who very much wants the new food supermarket in his ward;

The N.J. Department of Community Affairs which has provided a \$275,000 seed loan for the project;

The N.J. Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency which has authorized a \$350,000 seed loan;

The N.J. Economic Development Authority which has been asked to issue the tax-exempt bonds for the project;

The Prudential Insurance Company of America which will provide the financing for the project;

The Pathmark Division of Supermarkets General Corporation which will operate the food supermarkets; and

Kraft and Hughes who will serve as EDA bond counsel to the project.

Clarion Is Growing

This month the Clarion circulation will be increased to 6,000. It is in keeping with our 2-year program of growth.



Rendering of front elevation of proposed Neighborhood Shopping Center with Pathmark Supermarket which would bring jobs and quality food at fair prices to the community.

At the October 10th meeting at Essex County College on the University Heights issue, a written survey of the 600 local residents in attendance revealed that shopping facilities are now considered to be the most important need in the area. Many NCC residents and other citizens of the Central Ward must go outside the Ward, or, perhaps, outside the City to find a food supermarket which offers quality food at fair prices. In addition to the terrible in-

convenience which this situation creates for area residents, food dollars spent outside the Central Ward drain money from the neighborhood economy. The long-term economic health of the area requires that this drain be plugged.

NCC President Wilson cautioned against taking this project for granted, however, "We have come a long way on this and we are very close to realizing our dream.

However, we still have some obstacles to overcome before construction starts. **I urge every member of the community to be prepared to fight for this project.**" Wilson reminded everyone of the words of Frederick Douglass who knew that justice could not be obtained without a struggle. "It is always more difficult to do good than it is to do evil", Wilson stated. "We must be prepared to struggle, if necessary, for what our community needs!"

CBS At St. Rose And New Community

St. Rose of Lima Parish was chosen recently as a representative parish involved in the economic problems of the poor, by the producers of the CBS program "Sunday Morning". The work of Rev. William Linder, pastor of St. Rose, in conjunction with New Community, was highlighted during the segment in its relevance to the newly issued Bishops' Pastoral Letter on the U.S. Economy.

CBS reporter, David Culhane, interviewed Father Linder at St. Rose concerning his ministry to the economically disadvantaged members of his parish community and the Newark community at large.

After the personal interview, CBS traveled to the 9:30 a.m. Mass that Sunday, which happened to be celebrated by Bishop Joseph A. Francis, who along with Father Linder addressed the needs of the poor in their remarks to the congregation that day, stressing the need for improvement of the economic system in the United



Rev. Wm. Linder, Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church, at his rectory office as he is interviewed by CBS reporter, David Culhane for program "Sunday Morning" which was aired November 25th.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Keeping Pace

New Community Director of Development Matthew A. Reilly continues series on development activities and related concerns.



Matthew A. Reilly

As 1984 draws to a close, I want to bring everyone up to date on the status of several of our major projects:

St. Joseph Plaza

The renovation of this national historic landmark is now about 95% complete. Both the United Hospitals Medical Center and NCC's main office staff should move in before the end of the year. The Priory Restaurant, the Credit Union office and the Health Spa are all scheduled to move in early next year.

Extended Health Care Facility

The fourth and final floor is almost complete. The facility is still scheduled to open in the Fall of 1985.

Pathmark Food Supermarket

Enormous progress has been made in the last few months. A construction start has been tentatively scheduled for March of 1985. NCC staff are now working closely with representatives of Pathmark, Prudential, NJDCA, NJHMFA, NJEDA, and the City of Newark to put the finishing touches on this most important project.

Douglass-Harrison Apartments

On November 2, 1984, Members of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency approved an in-

ducement resolution stating the intention of that Agency to issue bonds to finance a three million dollar renovation of Douglass-Harrison Apartments. The loaned funds will be used to replace all the roofs and windows, modernize the heating system and install a security system. A mortgage closing and renovation start has been tentatively scheduled for January of 1985.

New Community Estates

NCC's first residential condominium project is moving along nicely. The design work has been completed and NCC will soon execute a contract with the manufacturer of the units. Look for the first four model units to be in place on 14th Avenue by early spring of next year.

Hayes Street Recreation Center

We are experiencing some delays in hammering out the proposed agreements with the City of Newark. We hope to resolve these matters shortly and move this facility towards a construction start early next summer.

Residents Support Shopping Center

A project called the Neighborhood Shopping Project began with much enthusiasm coordinated by Ms. Madge Wilson and Mrs. Georgia Ransome. The goal is to obtain 10,000 adult signatures in support of the New Community-Pathmark Neighborhood Shopping Center. Ms. Wilson points out that the project has almost half the signatures and one thousand signatures were obtained in a single day.

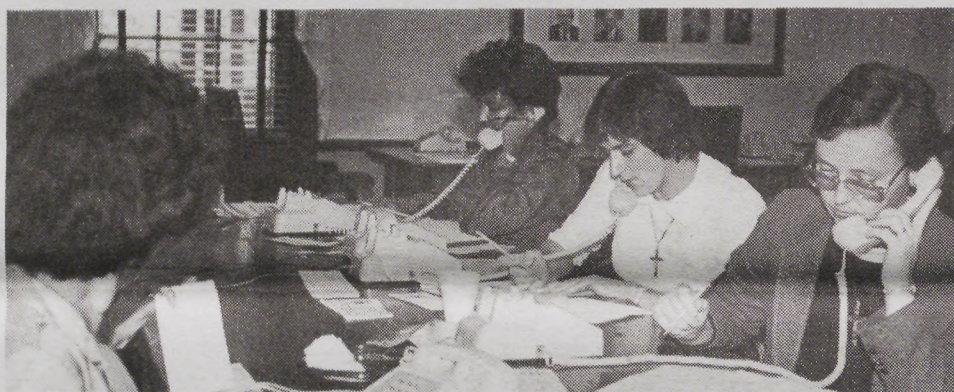
Ms. Wilson indicated that the goal of the project is to inform the citizens of Newark of this important development, and to give them the opportunity to show their support. Mrs. Ransome indicated that the support has been overwhelming. "Many people are not only willing to sign the petition but they want to go out and get others to sign it." Everyone feels that the lack of neighborhood shopping is a crisis.

"There is a need for quality food at reasonable prices and good service," says Mrs. Ransome. "Further, the shopping center will offer 250 jobs. These 10,000 signatures will support those many good officials who are assisting in making this neighborhood shopping center a reality."

Babyland Helps United Way

On Friday, October 26th Babyland employees offered their services for the 1984 United Way Campaign. Martha Carroll, Angela Morrow, Sister Pat Finnerty and Sister Clare Elton spent the afternoon searching for contributors for United Way. Dozens of phone calls secured financial support from many individuals who recognize United Way as an essential program reaching out to people in need.

Babyland Nursery, Inc. is a recipient of United Way funds, particularly the Essex County Family Violence Program and the Protective Services Program. Given the plight of the present social and economic situation in our nation, programs such as these would not be able to continue without the funding this campaign provides. We at Babyland, are grateful for the opportunity to con-



Babyland workers man the phones for United Way during its recent phone campaign. Its funds benefit the Family Violence Shelter and Protective Services Program.

tribute financially to the United Way as well as to offer our services and time. We know the people at United Way provide quality service delivery to a variety of human needs in any

community and we want to be known as a part of that effort.

United Way and Babyland...

We work together.

Sister Clare Elton

TO ALL RESIDENTS

If you want a Shopping Center in our community, please attend one of these meetings:

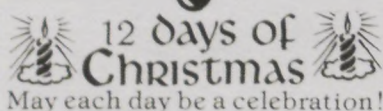
DATE	PLACE	TIME
12/10	Babyland III (For Homes' Residents)	7:30pm
12/10	Manor Senior	6:00pm
12/11	Gardens Senior	11:00am
12/11	Roseville	2:00pm
12/11	Commons Senior	6:00pm
12/11	Commons Family	7:30pm
12/12	Douglas Homes	4:00pm
12/12	Associates	6:00pm
12/12	Manor Family (72 Hayes Street)	7:30pm
12/13	Manor Family (225 Hunterdon St.)	7:30pm
12/17	Gardens Family	7:30pm

THE NEW COMMUNITY CLARION

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Credit Union Commentary

To refresh your memory, on September 27, 1984 the New Community Federal Credit Union was organized and a charter was applied for.

The National Credit Union Administration encouraged us to start our Credit Union with an association charter, and at a later date an expansion to serve a wider geographic area will be granted.

Any person in the New Community Network including Babyland, St. Rose of Lima and New Community residents, are participants of NCC whose activities develop common loyalties, promote mutual benefits and mutual interests, and therefore meet the requirements of the Federal Credit Union Act for a common bond in association groups.

All Credit Unions have similar rights. All are consumer owned and consumer directed financial cooperatives serving only their members. While other financial in-



Marie C. Damestoir

stitutions don't give their customers a say in how the institution is run, credit union members have that right.

In other banks, profits are generated for the benefit of a relatively small percentage of stockholders; in credit unions, after expenses are paid and reserves set aside, the earnings are returned to the members.

Another important aspect of a

credit union is they exist only for their members, and the members have a real say in the kinds of services that will be offered.

A credit union will benefit employees by giving them favorable rates and terms on savings and loans.

We must control our own economic destiny. Other banks take our savings, but are very tight-fisted in making loans to our people. If you're sick and tired of seeing your money siphoned off to other banks and their projects, join the New Community Federal Credit Union.

Despite the diversity of Credit Unions and the people they serve, all share that common goal: giving members control over their "economic destiny."

We are continually seeking member and non-member depositors. Call today and become part of an alternative solution, which will help you and your community grow economically.

Marie C. Damestoir
399-3400

Bishop's Letter on U.S. Economy

The Catholic Bishops issued the first draft of a 110-page letter on the U.S. Economy. There will be a number of drafts before the final version in about a year. It is the hope of the Bishops that this Pastoral Letter will provide both guidance to Catholics but also add a moral perspective to the public debate on the U.S. economic policy.

The letter states that there are two questions regarding economic policies. What does it do for people? What does it do to people? The fundamental norm in judging economic policies is this: "What will this approach or policy do to the poor and deprived members of the human community?"

Part one of the letter deals with the Biblical Foundation. The dignity of the human person is the criterion

against which all aspects of economic life must be measured. No dimension of human life lies beyond God's care and concern. The justice of a community is measured by its treatment of the poor and the powerless in society. Like the prophets of the Old Testament, Jesus takes the side of those who are powerless or on the margins of society.

Economic institutions are to be evaluated not only by productive efficiency and the amount of goods and services it produces but on how the institutions permit all persons active social and economic participation in the human community. The Bishops' state: "The nation must take up the task of framing a new national consensus that all persons have rights in the economic sphere

and that society has a moral obligation to take the necessary steps to ensure that no one among us is hungry, homeless, unemployed or otherwise denied what is necessary to live with dignity." The time has come, says the statement, to create an order that guarantees the minimum conditions of human dignity for every one in the economic sphere.

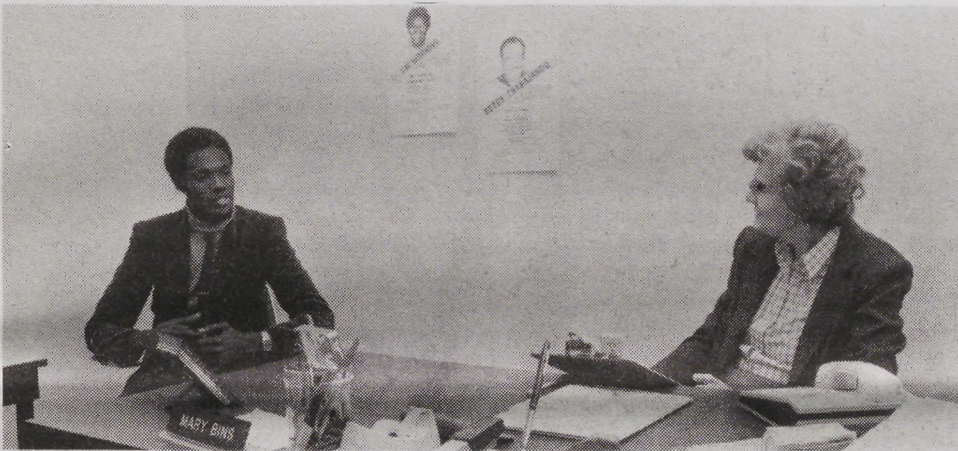
Unequal distribution of income, education, job opportunities, on the basis of race, sex or arbitrary standards can never be justified. These principles should shape economic policies and institutions, say the Bishops. The fulfillment of basic needs of the poor is highest priority! Second, increased participation for the marginalized takes priority over the preservation of privileged con-

centrations of power, wealth and income. Third, meeting human needs and increasing participation should take priority in investment of wealth, talent and human energy.

The fundamental principle according to the Pastoral Letter is that whatever one's legal entitlement to financial resources, no one can ever own these resources absolutely or use them without regard for others.

Part of the letter urges that the most urgent priority for the U.S. domestic economic policy must be the creation of new jobs with adequate pay. The Bishops state current levels of unemployment are morally unjustified. The fact that more than 15 percent of our population lives below the official poverty level is a social and moral scandal that must not be ignored.

NCC Employment Center Places Sixty In Jobs



Mary Bins interviews applicant at NC Employment Center, which has placed a total of sixty (60) applicants so far.

The New Community Employment Center celebrates its third month of operation by announcing that 60 people have found steady jobs using the Employment Center. "We're months ahead of schedule in placing 60 people in jobs," says John Bins, Executive Coordinator of the Employment Center.

Reporting on the first three months' results Bins says, "We counseled a total of 283 people and arranged 160 employer interviews. While not all of them resulted in job offers, a large percentage of them did!"

New Community Employment Center acts like a no-charge employment agency. It contacts local employers, appealing to their self interests. Employers need people with certain qualifications, and the NCC

Employment Center will arrange interviews for job seekers who will meet their needs. Employers save time and money because they do not need to advertise and they also spend less time on screening interviews.

Some of the people who come to the NCC Employment Center for counseling have recently been laid off, but a number of people are returning to the workforce after an absence, or are people who have not previously enjoyed steady work. Everyone is welcome to come in for an interview. "While we are not able to find a good job for everybody, we can often provide important guidance. We wouldn't want to miss anyone who is truly interested in a satisfying job," says Bins.

The Employment Center is a joint

effort of a husband and wife team: Mary and John Bins. The Bins moved their house from Bergen County to Orange in Essex County three years ago, when John took a position with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark. John resigned from the Archdiocese to join Mary in starting the Employment Center last August.

Mary and John have five grown children, four of them married. "This has been a big year," says Mary. "Besides the new employment center, we also have our first three grandchildren, all in one year."

"We've had a lot of help in getting the New Community Employment Center started," Mary says, "Some of the most important help has been the people who have worked with us in the Employment Center." Mary and John both work as employment counselors. "We have always had someone representing Hispanic concerns. Violeta Zapata comes from Peru, and is our Hispanic counselor. She works with us one day per week calling employers and often interviewing in Spanish. Then, we have our two faithful volunteers, Patt S. Deluca who has been coming in every Thursday practically since we started, and Frances Cunningham who started more recently. We could not operate without these people and we are looking for more highly qualified volunteers."

Volunteer assignments are interesting and meaningful and are

designed for people who are able to serve as much as one full day at a time. There are two basic options: 1) Telephone Caller and 2) Applicant Greeter.

The Telephone Caller includes phoning prospective employers to obtain job orders and finding employment interview opportunities, sending them follow-up notes, updating employer files, verifying references, and following up on placements made.

The Applicant Greeter meets job applicants coming to the office, helps them with their applications and evaluates them, checks crossfiles for connections between applications and job orders, and completes applicants' files.

Job descriptions are available and training is given in each part of the job. These are important responsibilities. As John Bins says, "No stamp licking!"

Anyone ready and willing to go to work is welcome at the NCC Employment Center, if they have a sincere desire to make finding employment a high priority in their lives. At present, it is necessary to limit interviewing hours to Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday between 1 and 2 p.m. in order to allow time to find jobs for those already interviewed. Interviewing time will be expanded in the future. Come in at those times or telephone 643-3828 to learn the current interviewing times.

CBS Visit....

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States. Bishop Francis had scheduled his visit long before, being a regular visitor to the parish, where he feels quite at home. The St. Rose School junior choir had prepared a program for the Bishop's visit and their bright, clear young voices unexpectedly provided a beautiful background for the CBS show.

The TV crews highlighted the deep faith of the people of the parish and then reached out to the whole community, following Father as he walked among the people to whom

he ministers, visiting the elderly and infirm, delivering along with other parishioners, food for Thanksgiving dinners, and finally sharing in a community Thanksgiving meal with elderly residents of New Community, in one of their attractive and comfortable bright new senior buildings.

New Community evolved with Father Linder's able guidance and has long been addressing the needs which are finally receiving the focus of the Catholic Bishops' attention and that of the laity in this Pastoral Letter.



CBS camera crew covers Thanksgiving dinner at New Community.

Junior Choir is Exceptional Group



The Junior Choir of St. Rose of Lima Parish was formed in 1979 and has continued to enhance Sunday Liturgy to the present day. Made up mostly of St. Rose's students from Grades 3 to 8, its membership also includes school alumnae.

Under the direction of Mrs. Emily Ross, assisted by Mr. Curtis Watkins, organist for St. Rose of Lima Parish, the Choir, since its inception, has not only performed at school and church, but its travels have included performances at many of New Community senior and family complexes, local nursing homes and other churches. These concerts are always well received.

The choir primarily sings at the 9:30 a.m. mass each week. However, the first Sunday of each month has been reserved for individual classes to prepare and assist with the Liturgy. It is on these occasions that classes present their themes and integrate them in the Sunday worship.

There was a time when parishioners attending the 9:30 a.m. mass would sit in silence when the singing was led by a songleader. But now, their participation in the singing has been greatly increased, as a result of the choir's involvement.

Each year Mrs. Ross loses a few voices due to transfers and graduation. Therefore, the first few weeks of a new school year are spent checking and finding voice ranges. Harmony is

made with only soprano and alto voices. Those third graders who have joined the choir this year will have the distinct honor as seniors (when they reach the eighth grade in 1989) of singing at the Centennial celebration of St. Rose of Lima.

In addition to traditional concerts, this extraordinary group of children performs an annual Christmas program and the Passion on Palm Sunday. These two events are staged both with music and drama. This year the program for Christmas is entitled "The Toy Maker," and will be performed with the Nativity Pageant on December 19th at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

There are many activities the choir members share. Activities are more than mere incentives for participation. This group is unique unto itself and enjoys outings that promote collegiality among its members. This year the choir plans to view a Broadway musical and have dinner at a famous restaurant in New York City. Other activities will include their annual picnic and pizza party.

It is the desire of the directress, Mrs. Ross to obtain new choir robes for the children. New robes, she agrees, would not only enhance the appearance of the choir but will enrich the Liturgy participation as they (according to their motto), "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord."

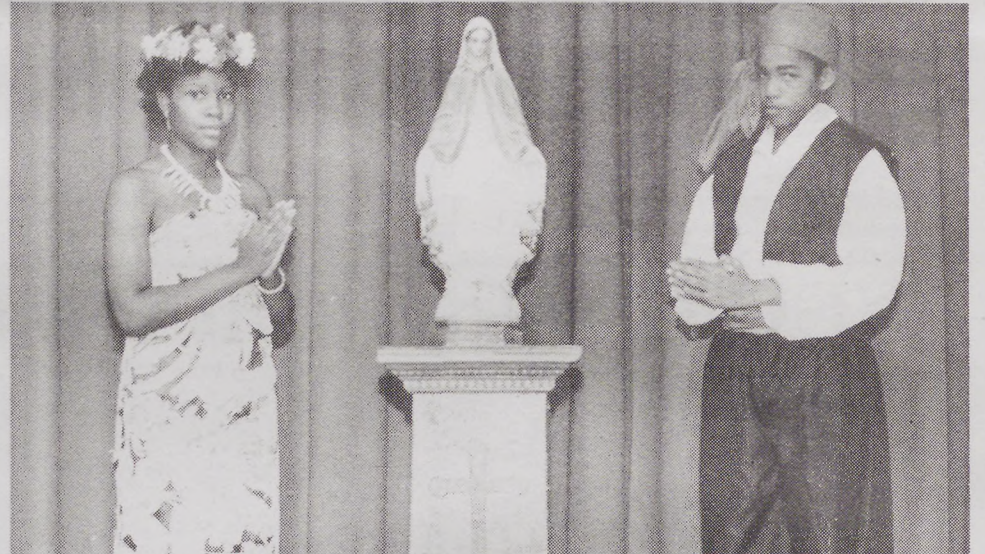
Students Rise To Occasion

A very impressive play was presented by the eighth grade class at St. Rose of Lima School on November 15, 1984 entitled "Marina's Island." Using the days of swashbuckling buccaneers in the South Pacific Islands as its setting, the play combined both history and religion and allowed participation from every member of the class.

The production did suffer its share of hardships. It had to be cancelled several times due to illness of certain members of the cast. And, when one of the original lead characters was unable to fulfill his responsibilities at

Lawrence Vaca and Antoine White, while the role of First Mate was performed by Edward Roman.

The play was highlighted by native dances choreographed and performed by Apryl Butler, Roxanne Stover, Alicia Brantly, Shmaeya Saffold, Dawn Bell and Dawn Ward. Likewise, a pirate dance was choreographed by Antoine White which he and Dwayne Adams performed. Antoine Williams and Toria Long assisted Miss Emerita A. Cabato, their teacher, as Stage Managers while scenery and lighting was executed by Owen Parris.



Cynthia Sharpe and Arthur Gilmore, 8th graders acknowledge applause after their performance in their class play.

the last minute, many thought it would be fruitless to continue. It was at this point that Arthur Gilmore, who had previously refused to take a noticeable active part, volunteered for the vacated role of the fearless captain Gumbel. Arthur, as many may know, is the son of Rosemary and grandson of Martha Palmer and Joseph Chaneyfield.

The other demanding roles of Princess Maria and Fr. Gerald were convincingly performed by Cynthia Sharpe and Len James III, respectively. The amazing pirates were Dwayne and Wayne Adams, Tommie Barnes, Stan Black Greenwich Parfait,

Each student was responsible for making his or her costume, after the class researched the typical fashion for that era as a social studies project.

There is a long standing tradition at St. Rose that as an extracurricular activity, every class must at one time during each school year stage and produce a program for the enjoyment of all. Such a performance should be an outgrowth of the class curriculum and could be either educational or entertaining or both. This play became the final class performance for the 8th grade group at St. Rose inasmuch as they will enter high school next Fall.

Something of Interest

- 90% of the poor in this country are too old or too young to work, many are disabled or are single parents with preschool children.
- More than 2,000,000 persons are employed full time and yet earn wages below the poverty level.

Winter Lights Expanded

New Community Corporation will be expanding the coverage of its "Winter Lights" program. The "Winter Lights" program is the winter season part of our overall beautification program.

Last year, outdoor electrical outlets were installed along South Orange Avenue from Hunterdon Street to Jones Street, enabling us to string lights in the trees in this area. This year, the Maintenance Department will be installing new outlets on Jones Street from So. Orange Avenue to 14th Avenue, and along Orange Street and part of Bathgate at Manor Senior. The job will be completed in early December, in plenty of time for us to enjoy them for Christmas.

Rich Rohrman



Bobcat digs trench at NCC Manor for "Winter Lights."



Bob West, grounds maintenance supervisor, aids crew installing "Winter Lights" on South Orange Avenue near Babyland Nursery. Lights are part of NCC beautification program.

BABYLAND'S FAITHFUL FRIEND

There are some people who really are always there when you need them — Bill Eberhardt is one of them. He is a very special Babyland volunteer. He was also recently baptized into the Catholic faith at St. Rose of Lima Church.

A few years ago he came to play Bingo at the game held by Babyland at St. Rose Hall. While there, he met a friend, Mrs. Bradsher with whom he had worked Bingo for another group. She told him how hard it was to find people to help in the afternoon. Before he left, Bill offered to help, and has been there faithfully ever since.

When I asked what he did at Bingo he replied, "Whatever there is to be done, you'll find me doing it." He is the type of person who thinks

ced by the responsible job he holds as a service representative for the International Union of Electrical Workers, officially known as the IUE-AFL-CIO. In this capacity he represents the workers by negotiating contracts and mediating grievances. He will sit down in shops with workers and their bosses and try to solve problems at an early stage, before the situation escalates. It does not always work however, and in these cases Bill follows the case up to the Industrial Relations Director. If after these steps the problem is still not resolved he takes the case to the American Arbitration Association for final disposal. "It gives you so much satisfaction to be able to help somebody else," he told me

der, Mary Smith, Soledad Alston, Art Wilson and other members of the "St. Rose family" as he calls them. Their ideals and attitudes as well as their friendship got him thinking about the Catholic faith.

Bill was raised in a Catholic neighborhood in the old first Ward of Newark which included many Italian families. Most of his friends were boys from these families and as Bill put it "I used to go home and eat spaghetti with them and I'd go to Mass with them too." He was born a Baptist and went to Baptist churches as a youngster until he was 14 or 15 years old when he started attending Catholic churches, and decided he liked the services. He kept going.

"Then I came here and I found Fr. Linder and all the members of St. Rose — such a fine group of people, everybody trying so hard to do something to help somebody else. I just said 'I want to be a part of that group, I'd love to join this church.'"

He went through his catechumenate, which is a sixteen week course of study on the Catholic faith necessary before the Sacrament of Initiation (Baptism) can be administered. According to one of the teams conducting the course, Art Wilson, principal of St. Rose School and New Community President, Bill added a great deal to the course with his depth of faith and insights into Christianity. He was baptized at St. Rose on November 11th, 1984.

He is overwhelmed by how "they

and find things in it; this made him even more interested in the Church. He also learned how to pray.

Bill was born in Athens, Georgia one of the youngest of 17 children. He learned of love and giving at a very early age, for when he was ten years old his mother died. He and a brother and sister, youngest of the seventeen, were sent to New York by his father, where they were lovingly cared for by an aunt and uncle — who had six children of their own! His aunt and uncle had more than a passing interest in Bill and his siblings for they were his mother's sister and his father's brother!

He spent many happy hours with his uncle who was a motorman on a subway train, and he and the other children accompanied him on his train whenever they did not have school the next day. "It was so peaceful in those days." And they were loved.

Today Bill Eberhardt brings this same attitude of responsible adulthood, love and caring to his own life in Newark, where it touches the lives of all he greets, and indirectly all the little children of Babyland for whom those hours working Bingo are spent.

He is loved and respected by all who know him, and his is a fine example of a life lived in a truly Christian manner.



Left to Right, Bishop Joseph A. Francis, Rev. Wm. Linder and Mr. Bill Eberhardt as they get together at reception at St. Rose following mass celebrated there by Bishop recently.

more in terms of others than of himself. He has worked in the kitchen, called the numbers, helped count the money, sold the boards and even mopped up spilled coffee from the floor "to avoid a lawsuit" when necessary. His regularly scheduled days are Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Wednesday afternoons — but he pitches in on weekends too when they are short of help, so that the Bingo — which is a valuable fundraiser for Babyland — can be held. Bill loves the idea of doing something to help the children of Babyland Nursery. It makes him feel needed — and this he feels is important at any age.

Bill had celebrated a birthday the day before we talked but this writer was sworn to secrecy as to the years celebrated, for Bill feels quite young and told me he disregards those numbers marking chronological age. "I always like to be doing something," he told me enthusiastically. He shares his life with two daughters, Brenda and Jeannie.

His love of people is instantly apparent from his warm, firm handshake and his broad welcoming smile.

Bill is also a diplomat, as eviden-

seriously.

He also helps to organize unions.

When a union is newly organized the employees are often poorly paid, he related, and in this case the first thing done is to negotiate for higher wages. "It doesn't come that easy, but we're willing to fight through it and do whatever's necessary to make it come to a successful conclusion."

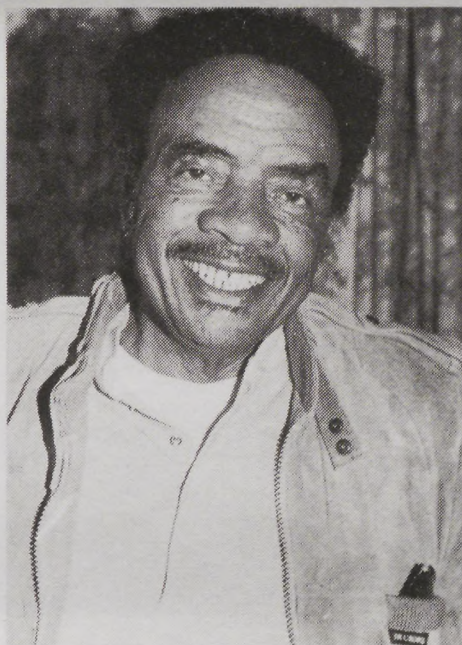
Everybody's happy at that point and so is Bill.

Eberhardt began as a worker at ITT and worked his way up from shop steward to president of ITT Local 415 in Nutley, and eventually to his present position of international representative over 1000 to 1500 locals.

Noting his warm easy manner, and obvious good humored nature I could easily understand how he would win the confidence of his fellow workers.

On Wednesdays Bill goes in extra early to his office so he can be free to spend the time at midday necessary to work Bingo at St. Rose.

His affiliation with St. Rose has affected his life in yet another way, for it was while working as a volunteer at Babyland's Bingo games that he met people like Father Lin-



Bill Eberhardt

took me in just like one of the family," and by their unceasing appreciation of his efforts. It makes him want to do even more, he said enthusiastically; "I just love to have them lean on my shoulder."

"When I was sick they came to see me and sent cards and fruit. They've been really wonderful to me."

Bill enjoyed the course of instruction so much that he is going to continue the adult education courses and biblical studies at St. Rose. He learned some things that he never knew in his life, he told me, and was intrigued by the concept of Trinity which teaches that Jesus is not only the Son of God but also is God. His voice was excited as he talked about the Monday sessions, and especially how he learned to read the Bible

Warmest Holiday Wishes

NC Douglas

Have you heard the news? The Douglas Garden Club members are pleased to announce that they were selected as third prize winners in the Community Gardening Contest. This is quite an accomplishment for there are many gardens that make up the Green Garden of Paradise Project. They will receive a monetary award to help support the garden activities. This award comes from the American Community Gardening Association. Now here is the EXTRA GOOD NEWS: Every year a dinner is held for the Gardening Community and this year the Douglas has been selected as the site. The affair will be held on December 18, 1984. We are absolutely thrilled, not to mention truly proud of our Garden Club. We will be sure to tell you all about the dinner in the next Clarion issue.

The FUN HOUR has resumed. Grace Chambers, Elizabeth Davis, and Helen Vaughn volunteered to help Sister Hortensia with it. This will be a weekly happening on Thursday at 3 p.m. All are invited to come down. There are games, prizes, edibles and much fun to be had.

We here at the Douglas wish you one and all A MERRY CHRISTMAS.
Alma Hanks

Babyland Raffle A Success

Thanks to the overwhelming cooperation of people everywhere — Babyland, Newark and suburbia — the 50/50 raffle held on November 17, 1984 was a tremendous success. The total raised was \$13,408.00.

The holder of lucky ticket #04380 worth \$6,704.00 was Mrs. Stella Addo of Newark.

When Mrs. Addo received the call on Saturday she did not realize at first what Soledad Alston, nurse practitioner at Babyland was saying. She was shocked, and "didn't hear anything she told me. Then it got to me," she said happily. "I didn't expect to win. I had forgotten all about it."

Mrs. Addo had sold 13 of her allotted tickets to others, but took the remainder herself, writing it off as a donation for a cause she knew was worthwhile.

She was under the impression she had won half of the six thousand dollar amount, until she arrived at Babyland and found that she had actually won over six thousand dollars.

After paying off her car, Mrs. Addo said all she has let herself think of



A happy Mrs. Stella Addo of Newark receives check of \$6,704 from Babyland I assistant supervisor Alice Wilson, her share of recent 50/50 Raffle held for benefit of Babyland.

next will be a very Merry Christmas for the family, including Naa-Adzeley, 7 years old, Naa-Adzorkor,

5 years and Naa-Adzekai age 18 months, who is presently at Babyland I.

She and her husband have been Babyland parents since 1977 and now have their third child attending Babyland I. While her children were cared for at Babyland, Mrs. Addo went to college and obtained her degree and is now working. Her husband in turn, received his master's degree, and is now working on his Ph.D. Babyland has been a very important ingredient in their ability to reach a higher goal in their lives, and we are all very happy for them as winners of the first Babyland 50/50. We wish them well.

As we mentioned in the letter which accompanied the tickets, the remaining half of the raffle proceeds will benefit the children of Babyland. Our centers have always provided the very best day care programs in a safe, healthy, and happy environment for Babyland children but occasionally we need an extra "boost" in our funding to continue this fine level of service.

We thank all involved for their cooperation.

Mr. T. Special: The Mystery of a Stranger

On Saturday, December 1st, 1984 at 11:30 a.m. our Babyland Preschoolers and their parents watched a very important television program.

NBC presented **The Mystery of a Stranger**, a special episode of the popular Saturday morning cartoon adventure, **The Mr. T Show**. This episode dealt with the serious subject of child abduction. It conveyed practical information about frequent

plays abductors use to lure young children.

During the week which preceded the telecast, our Babyland Teachers began classroom discussions by asking the children how many of them had ever watched **The Mr. T Show**. Mr. T's qualities were discussed and highlights of the program were revealed.

Safe Strategies for Parents and The Mr. T Safety Checklist were

given to each parent. After viewing the program both parent and child reviewed the checklist together.

Many stimulated discussions were held during the week following the viewing of **The Mystery of the Stranger**.

If you were not involved in the Mr. T special, it will be well to use The Mr. T Safety Checklist which is included in this issue of the Clarion. Sister Marie Infanta Gonzales, OSP Education Consultant

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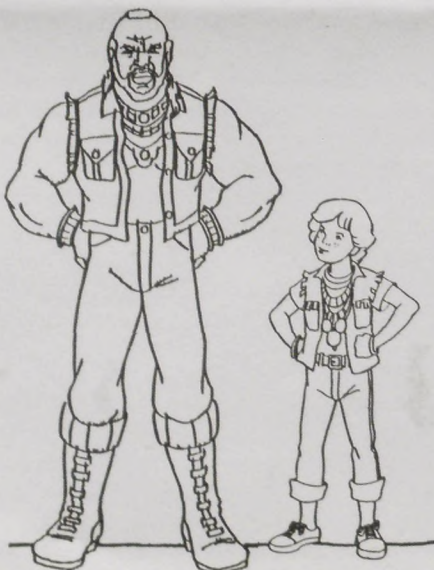
Stay safe! Read this Check List, then put a check next to everything you promise to do and sign it. Ask your mom or dad to read and sign it too.

My Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

- ☐ I will learn my full name, address and telephone number and the city and state in which I live.
- ☐ I will make up a special Code Word with my family. I will not just go off with anyone who says my mom or dad want me. People must use our Family Code Word first; then I know my parents trust them.
- ☐ I will tell my parents and teacher if someone wants to touch me in a way that makes me feel funny or bad.
- ☐ I will not listen to anyone who wants me to keep some things a secret from my family.
- ☐ I will remember what to do if I lose my parents. In a store, I will go to the nearest check-out counter and ask for help. I will not go off alone to the parking lot or anywhere else.
- ☐ I will remember that I have my rights too. I can say NO if someone bothers me. I will always say NO if someone I don't know wants to show me something or give me something or take me for a ride.
- ☐ I will never go over to a stranger's car. I do not have to answer questions or give directions to anyone.
- ☐ I will not tell strangers on the phone that I am alone at home. I won't tell them the names of my family or that my mom or dad are out. I will tell them that my parents are busy at the moment and can't come to the phone.
- ☐ I will never go anywhere with anyone — even a friend — unless mom or dad say it is OK.

- ☐ I know that to call the police I dial _____
- ☐ I know that to call the fire department I dial _____
- ☐ I know how to make a long distance phone call.



Babyland II

With the artistic help of Oscar Dixon, one of the PRS parents, we have reproduced one of our summer fun activities. "Feeding the Ducks" is depicted on a Babyland II bulletin board. This summer the children really seemed to enjoy feeding the ducks and that left a lasting impression which inspired the making of the mural, complete with a park scene that includes a pond with ducks, as well as trees with "real" leaves.

During this month the children went to Van Rippers Pumpkin Farm in Woodcliff Lake. They walked through rows of pumpkins, observed the making of cider and enjoyed lunch in the brisk fall afternoon.

Several parents accompanied us on the trip; a special thanks to them for sharing their time.

The children have worked hard to complete paintings and drawings to depict this fall and holiday season. They used leaves and fall foliage collected from recent nature walks; made turkeys from hand prints as well as from paper bags.

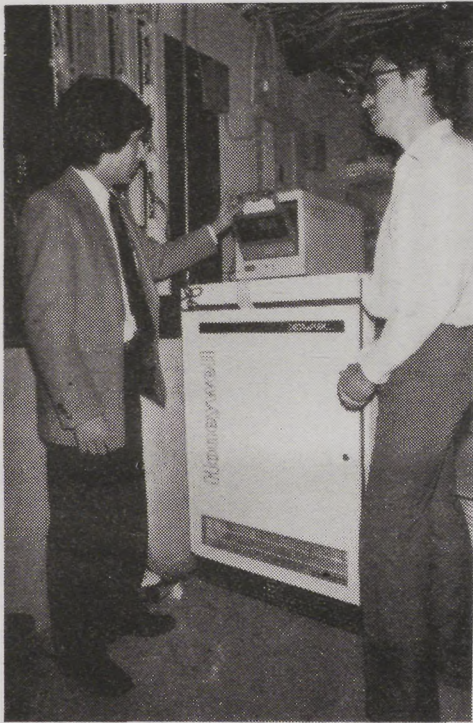
We all look forward to the upcoming Christmas holiday. Staff, parents and children are making preparations and planning activities and fun things to do, to make the holiday season joyous and meaningful.

Beverly Dunn
Social Worker



Children from Babyland enjoying an outing recently at Van Riper's Farm in Woodcliff Lake. Kids loved picking out pumpkins and looking at all the decorations which the farm prepares for the enjoyment of all at Halloween.

New Phone System Underway



built in speaker. Each person also has the capability to store six frequently used numbers for speed dialing. The frequently used numbers are easily programmed into the phone. Once programmed they can be automatically dialed on demand with a simple combination of three (3) buttons. Some additional features are autoredial, exclusive hold and conference calling.

Each high use facility has at least three phones, that are part of the system, installed. Phones have been installed for the security guard, superintendent and manager. These single line telephones do not contain the built in speaker but possess many of the advanced features of the electronic key equipment. They enable communication within the network, limited outside dialing and incoming calls.

St. Joseph Plaza has also been equipped with over forty-five (45) telephones. Each individual has a unique extension for convenient communication. A console helps coordinate incoming calls for employees at St. Joseph Plaza. Incoming calls for other locations are recognized by the PBX and transferred automatically to the correct location.

Since the network reaches out to all facilities, the transferring of calls is an important feature. Suppose you called the central maintenance office and were referred to a superinten-

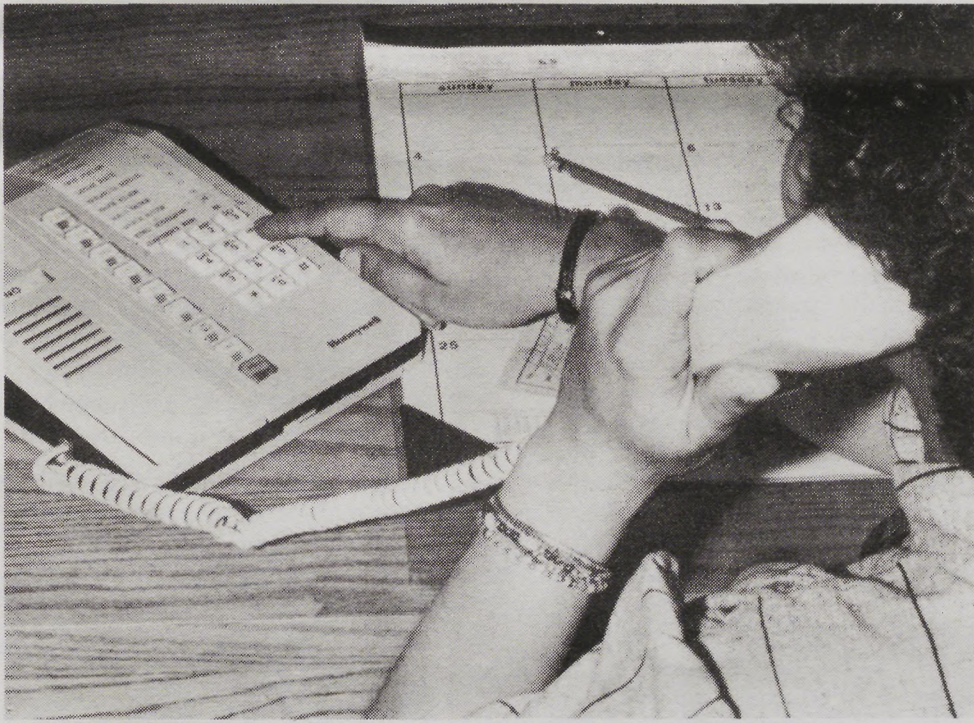


dent. The person handling the call at maintenance can easily transfer the call to the superintendent, by simply dialing the superintendent's extension. The call is returned to the PBX at St. Joseph Plaza, the common point in the network. Then, without operator intervention, the call is sent to its intended location. Calls can be transferred to and from any of the other one hundred phones in the network in the same way.

With a successful implementation

of the new system we are making future plans. The integration of the various Babyland facilities would be very beneficial. This would enhance communication and control costs. The rapidly developing NCC Extended Care Facility will need a similar PBX. That system could easily be tied to the present PBX for further benefits.

The possibilities for the future are unlimited.



DINNER'S READY!



Turkey's ready! Hardworking Babyland kitchen crew prepares free Thanksgiving Dinner for New Community's Seniors. Pictured left to right are: Kevin Covington, Reggie Ward, Joann Nassiruddin, Gayle Chaneyfield (hidden), Sr. Pat Finnerty, Rita Gallardo and Rosemary Chaneyfield.



For all those who were remaining at home or who would be alone for their Thanksgiving dinner, New Community provided a free dinner served at New Community Associates, including all the trimmings from Turkey on down.

Seniors from NC Commons, Associates and Gardens Towers were invited. The meal was catered by Babyland Nursery in their modern kitchen by their devoted hard working staff. It was greatly appreciated.



Kitchen workers Joann Nassiruddin & Rita Gallardo prepare pies and such for New Community's Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors.

Be A Heart Saver!



Dorothy Jackson, a student finding proper hand position as instructor Soledad Alston, left, and 3 other students watch.

According to the American Heart Association, approximately 650,000 people will die of heart attacks this year. About 350,000 of these deaths will happen outside of a hospital, and usually will occur within the first two hours after the onset of symptoms. If performed properly, CPR could save 120,000 lives a year. This last figure could possibly go higher as more and more people learn CPR. It has been determined that a victim's chances of survival is four times greater if CPR was started **within the first four**

minutes, than if started after four minutes. Now, even the fastest ambulance cannot get to a victim outside of a hospital in four minutes. But a bystander can, and that bystander may just happen to be you. So why not join a CPR class now?

A new class begins Monday, December 3rd, 1984 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Commons Family Pavilion, 298 Morris Avenue. Classes run for 3 consecutive weeks and are **FREE**.

Contact Soledad Alston, R.N. at 375-3143 to register.



Soledad Alston, R.N., supervises administration of mouth to mouth resuscitation by student Virginia Jenkins to dummy during recent CPR course offered by New Community.

Home Nursing Course Ends

Thank you American Red Cross for your help with our Home Nursing Course, recently completed under the capable instruction of Helena Williams, R.N.

This course was designed to prepare interested residents of NCC with the basic knowledge and skills needed to properly care for someone who is ill. Classes included lectures, demonstrations and practical work. Preventive health was stressed. The course took approximately 20 class hours to complete. Classes were held

at Martland Hospital and the following received their American Red Cross Nursing Certificate and pin: Earlene Britton, Mae Harper, Gwen Powell, Bernadette Ross, Ida Williams, Debra Copeland, Gloria Washington, Carol Leadbetter, Bertha Brown, Mona Bernard, Duvenia Ward, Nettie Kirkland, Dorothy Holden, and Jackie Johnson.

Congratulations for a job well done! It wasn't easy but it was worth it.

Sister Anastasia



Proud graduates of NC Home Nursing Course are in front left to right: Earlene Britton, Mae Harper, Gwen Powell, Bernadette Ross, Ida Williams and Debra Copela. Standing in rear are instructor Helena Williams, R.N., Gloria Washington, Carol Leadbetter, Bertha Brown, Mona Bernard, Duvenia Ward, Nettie Kirkland, Dorothy Holden and Jackie Johnson.

NC Gardens Towers

Arts and Crafts

Flowers, baskets, paperweights, place mats are all being made as part of our daily activities. We are getting ready for our Crafts sale.

Sewing Club

Getting ready for Santa! Beautiful aprons are being made by our ladies for the holidays. Also a handy kitchen towel to hook on to any of your cabinets is available. If you are interested in buying some please call Glennie Bethea.

Essex County College Comes to New Community Gardens for Health Care and Nutrition Classes

Each Wednesday morning our instructor Mrs. O'Brien enlightens us on what is most nutritious and healthful for our diet. Many recipes were tried during classes and we all learned how to be cost efficient in planning our meals.

The group this week are making muffins and are ready to taste the product.

CPR CLASSES

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Instructor Soledad Alston
375 3143

Men's Basketball Team

A NCC Men's Basketball Team is being organized for young men over the age of 17. Because the future development of New Community youth is a priority, anyone who becomes a member of this team will be required to involve themselves in either schoolwork, vocational training,

GED preparation, or employability skills training.

It is our objective to develop minds as well as bodies.

Interested persons please contact Richard or Sheila at 623-6114.

Richard Le Tang

FAMINE VICTIMS NEED HELP!

There are no words that can express the help that is needed in the land of Africa.

We feel compelled to do something from our community and hope you do also.

God has blessed us with beautiful housing and an abundance of food and clothing in this country.

At this time we are asking every tenant to give a gift of money, in any amount.

There are Catholic Relief agencies that will take our gifts directly to the famine areas of Africa and purchase much needed supplies for the victims.

All donations can be presented to:

New Community Social Services, 220 BRUCE STREET, beginning the week of DECEMBER 17, between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Receipts will be available for those donating monies.

PLEASE GIVE, you'll be glad in your heart that you did.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOURS, HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

Committee of New Community formed to help our brothers and sisters

Committee Members

Bertha Brown	Agnes Jackson
Dolores Collier	Georgia Ransome
Valerie Hall	Roberta Singletary

NC COMMONS

Sewing Club

The 140 Sewing Club has achieved great things under the direction of Mrs. Mamie Boddie. Mrs. Boddie feels very grateful to all those who helped to get the club started.

Ms. Virginia Scott, one of the New

machine.

Ms Boddie would like to thank all for their help.

Arts & Crafts

A cake sale was also held on November 17th to raise money for equipment for this popular hobby.



NC Commons Senior Sewing Club proudly stands by new sewing machine. Members are Irene Carr, Ruby Dawson, Arleathia Jones, Mary Maultre, Mary Yancey, Lena Bolden, Mamie Boddie, and seated Vera Hart.

Community social workers was especially helpful with her input and worked along with her as the club grew.

Club members who have enjoyed learning how to sew and make their own clothes are: Mrs. Marion Simpson, Mrs. Ruby Dawson, Mrs. Zepher Johnson, Mrs. Irene Carr, Mrs. Christie Hawke, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Mrs. Carrie Hardy, Mrs. Alice Hicks, Mrs. Beanie Brown, Mrs. Louise Walker, Mrs. Ezera Baskerville, Mrs. Lena Bolden, Mrs. Annie Jones, Mrs. Mary Yancy, Mrs. Mary Moulthe, and Mrs. Aleathea Jones.

As you can see by this list of students, more than one sewing machine was needed to expedite their projects!

To raise money to pay for a second machine a bake sale was held on November 3rd by the participants and was such a success it enabled them to immediately purchase the

Mrs. Julia James, the club president has loads of beautiful cakes and pies to sell.

Golden Harvest Ball

We want to thank Mr. William L. Wimberly for inviting our Golden Citizens to the YM/YWCA Saturday, November 17th. The Golden Harvest Ball was well attended and everyone had such a good time.

We are proud to be "Golden Citizens," the seniors of Newark. It offers many opportunities.

Our seniors won many door prizes. We are very appreciative to those who are keeping Commons on the move.

Commons Senior would like to express their appreciation for the excellent job Mrs. Ruby Dawson did for the Clarion.

Mrs. Mary Porter will now be reporting the events taking place at Commons Senior and has written this article.

Commons Family News

At our past meeting which was Wednesday, November 14, 1984, a quorum decided procedures for elections of new officers in December.

Elections and our regular meeting will be held Wednesday, December

12, 1984 at 6:30 p.m. at Commons Pavilion, 298 Morris Ave.

Come cast your vote and be part of Commons Family Tenant Association.

Roberta Singletary

NC Associates

Senior Citizen Club

This month marked the fifth anniversary of the club and on November 9th all the members gathered to celebrate.

Honored guests included George Branch, West Ward Councilman, Kitty Taylor of United Community Corporation and Philip Orlando representing the Office on Aging as well as Doloris Lewis of City Hall representing the mayor's office.

Plaques were given to the hard-working officers who had served their friends and neighbors for five years, namely: Maude Jones, President; Ola Peterman, Vice-President; Phyllis Burton, Recording Secretary; Beatrice Graham, Corresponding Secretary; and Emma Johnson, Treasurer.

Ola Peterman led the devotions which opened the evening's program after which Magnolia Brown, chairman of the sick committee introduced the mistress of ceremonies for the evening, Ida Johnson. Estelle Lane welcomed all present and Maude

Jones gave a history of the club, recalling its formation by Sterling Hill and Joseph Graham 5 years ago.

Ida Johnson and Rose Wyatt both read poems for their audience and the New Community Gospel Choir was on hand to provide musical renditions for the festivities.

Each member of the club received a certificate of recognition.

The Senior Citizen Club was formed to raise money for senior activities such as bus rides etc. and has done a fine job of offering many happy times to all its members over the last five years. It plans the activities as well, trying to include things of interest to all.

Editors Note: Despite her confinement to United Hospitals, Phyllis Burton, who regularly writes this column, was trying to get the information on Associates to me. We tried to fill in and give her a rest. She is now at home and we hope our stop gap attempt in her place covers the highlights. We appreciate her devotion to her job.



Senior Citizens Auxiliary Club of New Community Associates display recognition certificates given to them by Philip Orlando, director of the Newark Office on Aging, at their 5th anniversary celebration.

SUBURBAN BATTERED WOMEN HOTLINE

Located at Caldwell College

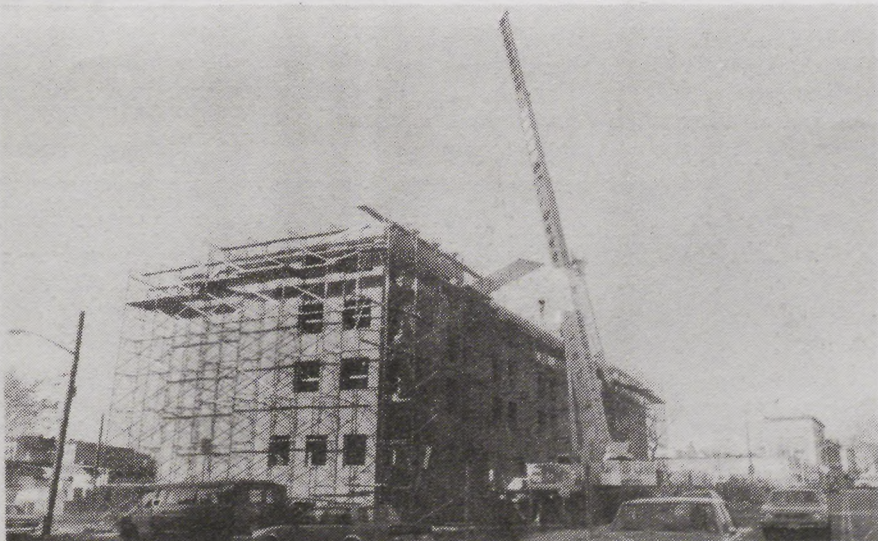
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Counseling and Referrals Available

New Community Construction Crews Kept Very Busy Nursing Home Topped Off! St. Joseph Plaza



Crane prepares to lift final decking in place.



Carpenter Tony Ciasullo sets stair rails in place on metal treads bringing St. Joseph Plaza one step nearer to completion.

Trouble At The Polls

On Tuesday, November 6, 1984, the polls at Newton Street School opened in the 20th District of Newark. The doors were opened at 7:00 a.m. for residents to cast their votes. We were assured by the Board of Voters Registration Commission that the vast confusion experienced at the primary election in June would not

they could not vote, got disgusted and left. The reason for this was that there were three (3) machines, when the polling place opened up, but no one knew how to operate them. The women who had been sent out to work were not familiar with the setup, and did not know what to do. One lady specifically stated that "I



Director of New Community Social Services, Gerry Gannon, helps resident disembark from van which transported them to polling place on Election Day.

happen again.

Unfortunately the same confusion did occur, but on a smaller scale. There were approximately 100 people who left home early with the intention of voting, stood in line for an hour or more, only to find out that

don't know why they gave us this job, knowing that we have not been oriented for it."

As the day progressed the situation got worse. Toward the middle of the day, one of the voters, who left the polls frustrated, contacted Madge

Wilson, Assistant Director for Human Resources at New Community, and made a complaint about the situation at the poll. Ms. Wilson then came to assess the problem.

When she arrived there were people in lines that extended out to the door. People were complaining about having waited for so long. They were in wheelchairs, on crutches and walking canes. But each was determined to cast their vote in spite of the strain and stress of waiting. (Ellen Watson, a senior volunteer at New Community Associates, who assisted the tenants in getting out to vote, recalled a tenant who was in bed sick and called Mrs. Watson to help her get dressed, because her vote was very important).

Mrs. Wilson at this time stopped everything and separated the line into four (4) groups enabling the people to go to the line that indicated alphabetically the first letter of their last name. The remainder of the day there was no waiting time; people walked in and were able to vote.

The 20th District is a heavily populated Democratic polling area. It would seem important for the Democratic vote in this election, that those responsible for voting machines, ballots etc. would have considered it imperative to insure that the voting process would go as smoothly as possible.

This election however is over. Steps are now being taken to insure that in the future the Newton Street polling area will run as efficiently as those in the suburban communities.

New Youth Coordinator

Richard A. Le Tang has joined the New Community Social Services Department and will be working with Sheila Washington as youth coordinator.

His employment came about through a referral from the New Community Employment Center whose poster he saw while waiting for a bus at Clinton and Bergen Streets.

Mr. Le Tang had been working in



Richard A. Le Tang

real estate but was interested in using his college background in sociology and psychology to better advantage. In his previous jobs he worked with youth, organizing youth activities, fund raising projects and doing career counseling, and at one point was a V.I.S.T.A. volunteer. From April 1972 to June 1977 he worked with the New Jersey Rehabilitation Commission providing academic and vocational training to ex-offenders.

The advantages of a strong academic background to permanent, satisfying employment is quite clear in his view, and he is anxious to impress the youth of New Community with the importance of a serious attitude toward their studies.

Richard has an Associate of Science degree in sociology from Essex County College and has completed his course requirements for his B.A. in Sociology at Thomas Edison College.

He is happy to be working with youth and is anxious to be involved in a program which could exert a positive effect on the young people of Newark.

NC Roseville

One South 8th Street Club

The "One South Eight Street" club members and friends celebrated the club's second anniversary November 9, 1984.

The evening began with M.C. Mary Clements, introducing the clubs Chaplain Elnora Maffett, and her Assistant Mary Mickens to lead the opening devotional. Afterward, there were encouraging words spoken by guest speakers Ms. Essie Jordan, President of the West Ward Center and the Roseville Coalition President Mr. Glenn Hydel. Many other visitors from the Roseville Coalition were present, along with our Roseville "district leader" Ms. Jeannette Seabrooks. After the program tasty refreshments were served. This was a great 2nd anniversary celebration night, thanks to Mrs. Illa Barnes (club president) and her staff. Remember "We're number one!"

Let's Have "Fun"

NC Rosevillians are now enjoying "Fun Day" to be held bi-weekly here, through the efforts of Sister Marian Spearman from Social Services, along with the interest of several game tenants. Fun Day is looking better and better. If you like to play cards, checkers, or the ever-popular PoKeno game, or maybe just socialize for an hour or two, come on up (or down) to Roseville's community room every other Friday at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments are usually served. We need tenant participation in order to grow.

Happy Holiday wishes to all of our New Community family, friends, and neighbors, from everyone at NC Roseville.

R. Steve Perkins



Members of One South 8th Street Club at recent 2nd Anniversary Party are Irene Jackson; Petronia Shields; Mary Williams, Treas.; Bessie Alston; Illa Barnes, Pres.; Elenora Maffett, Chaplain, Mary Clements, Vice-Pres.; Evelyn Massenburg, and Mary M. Mickens, Asst. Chaplain.

NC Teens Dance

There will be a NCC Teens Christmas Dinner Dance at NCC Social Services, 220 Bruce St., on Friday, December 7, 1984 from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. It is for the residents here at New Community. We will have a hot and cold buffet. Casual dress is the order of the day, but jeans and sneakers are out. Tickets are \$3.00 per person — advance tickets only — no tickets sold at the door. We will also have entertainment and a drawing for a basket of canned goods. All who are interested should contact Sheila or Richard at 623-6114.

Advisory Board For Anti-Crime Program

On October 25th, the election for the Neighborhood Anti Crime Board was held. Elected to office were Mrs. Zora Knowlton, President; Ms. Eloise Gammage, Secretary; Mrs. Floria Davis, Treasurer; Ruby Washington, Bus Manager.

The installation of this board will mark the beginning of Seniors

Against Crime. The group will serve as an Advocacy program through the Anti Crime Center. Their target areas will be training in crime prevention against the elderly, and liason between seniors and other agencies when seniors are victims of crime.

Georgia Ransome



Members of Anti-Crime Board at Douglass-Harrison.

At Your (Social) Service

Activities Galore

The time between Thanksgiving and New Years is always a very busy time for most of us. This is no less true here at New Community. This time will be filled with celebrations, from the Thanksgiving parties in the senior buildings, to the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony on December 3rd, from the teen dinner-dance on December 7th to the children's Christmas party on December 21st, from the Family Christmas Party on December 14th to the Senior Christmas Party on December 17th; from the Christmas Dinner for the visually impaired on December 7th to the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show on December 20th.

Throughout all the hectic preparations necessary to carry out these ac-

tivities we should not loose sight of the meaning of these holidays. Traditionally they are a time of peace, brotherhood and sisterhood, and a time when we give thanks for the good things that we have.

Voting: a right and a privilege

During the recent election the NCC Social Services Department was once again involved in providing transportation to the polls for the elderly, and disabled. It is always a great honor to provide this service. However, this year in particular, it was an even greater thrill. What was so awe inspiring, was to see the extreme lengths to which people went in order to exercise their precious right to vote. In some cases, it was obviously

very painful for people to walk, even with the help of a walker, or cane. And, yet, they insisted on going to the polls. Some of our tenants were visually impaired, yet, were determined to vote.

In one case, 101 year old Rev. Alan Hamilton, of N.C. Commons, arrived at the polls at 7:30 a.m. to find out that the machines were not in working order. This did not discourage NCC's own centenarian, who returned later in the day to vote.

It is this spirit and enthusiasm that should make us all "proud to be a part of Newark's New Community."

Nutritional Site to open at NC Associates

NCC is being considered as one of

the nutritional sites funded through the Essex County Division on Aging together with the City of Newark.

If approved, beginning in January, 100 meals will be served daily in the dining room at NC Associates, 180 So. Orange Avenue. The program is limited to senior citizens, who are asked to make a donation of their choosing.

Babyland Nursery is also being considered as the caterer for the preparation of the 100 meals that nutritional site will provide.

When final approval is obtained, more details will be provided to all residents. Also, look for more information in the January issue of the Clarion.

"Happy Holidays" December 1984		
Day	Date	Activity
Mon.	3rd	Annual tree lighting ceremony at Gardens Pavilion at 6:00 p.m.
Fri.	7th	Holiday Teen Dinner Dance at Gardens Pavilion at 7:00 p.m.
Sat.	8th	Kennedy Dancers* Symphony Hall at 8:00 p.m.
Sun.	9th	Whole Theatre Dance Company* at Montclair State College 3:00 p.m.
Tues.	11th	Dance Company Christmas Show* at West Orange YMCA at 8:00 p.m.
Wed.	12th	G.E.D. registration (High School Equivalency) at Gardens Pavilion at 6:00 p.m.
Mon.	10th, 17th	Aerobics at Gardens Pavilion from 6-7 p.m.
Thurs.	13th, 20th & 27th	Cost \$2.00
Fri.	14th	Adult Christmas Party at Gardens Pavilion. Cost \$5.00. Time 8:00 p.m. Hot/Cold Buffet-Cocktails-Dancing
Fri.	21st	Pre-teen Holiday Party at Gardens Pavilion. Cost \$2.00 at 4-8 p.m. "featuring a surprise celebrity."

*There will be a few free tickets available for some of the shows listed here. They are available on a first come, first serve basis. For more information call 623-6114.

NCC Pinkettes Drill Team

There will be a fashion show/ talent show given by The Pinkettes Drill Team, in February. Right now, we are having tryouts and auditions on Tuesdays, at 5:30 p.m. sharp at 220 Bruce Street. For the talent field, the choice is yours, but for the fashion field, we are modeling swimwear, sportswear and formal wear. There will be a \$25.00 prize given to the best outfit (covering all fields) based on originality, and \$25.00 to the best performer.

The money that is raised will be used towards our uniforms. If you are interested in either category, please call Social Services at 623-6114 and leave your name, address, age, sex, phone number and the category you are interested in, or just come out on every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. sharp to Gardens Pavilion starting on December 4, 1984.

Traci Robinson
Team Manager

PRE-TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

There will be a NCC Pre-teen Christmas Party at NCC Social Services, 220 Bruce Street on Friday, December 21, 1984 from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. The cost will be \$2.00 per person. Refreshments will be served and there will be a gift for everyone who shows. Santa Claus will be coming, so come and say Hello to him. If you have any questions please contact Sheila or Richard at 623-6114.

Sheila Washington

NCC Manor Kids Dance to the Disco Beat

A kiddie disco was given for the little people of 225 Hunterdon St. on November 8, 1984, in the community room. Approximately twenty-five youngsters showed up for the party. They were stylishly dressed in the latest fashions. The guys wore sneakers, jeans and smart shirts. The girls wore pretty blouses, jeans and skirts and colorful barrettes and beads in their hair. The kool D.J.s were Tyrone Singleton, age 16 and Champ Jeter, age 17, both of Central High School. Five parents who live in the building assisted in the supervision of the children and serving of the food. The menu was a "kids food delight." It consisted of hot dogs, soda and cookies.

The dancers were fantastic! Some of them were exceptional, especially the break dancers, which most of them appeared to be. At least half of them, both girls and boys, spent most of the time on the floor breaking. Apparently this is the "In Thing" to do! In that case I would suggest that we adults get in the act by learning how to "Breakdance." Perhaps we can get invited to the next little peoples disco. The affair was sponsored by Social Services.

V. Scott

Ceramikins Capturing Hearts

On October 25th much to the delight of the residents at Manor Senior a new "child" was created. There were smiles of delight, curious eyebrows were raised and lots of breakfast conversation resulted. The new arrival's name was Sheila

Mrs. Ellen King and Mrs. Essie Gilbert see to it that Sheila is fed and rocked. There is no doubt this little wonder has rekindled a warm glow in many hearts.

Best of all she never cries or wets, but she is extremely fragile, and must



Joyce Holmes, Instructor and residents participating in ceramics class, show off "Ceramikin" made by members.

Duran, "daughter" of Sheila White, Security Officer at Manor, and Angel Duran, Maintenance Assistant, also of Manor.

The resemblance is astounding, the creation having Sheila's smile and Angel's eyes. Finding a baby sitter is never a problem. In the mornings

Christmas Celebration For Blind

Among the many exciting holiday parties and events that will take place, will be a Christmas Party for the visually handicapped. The affair will take place at the NCC Manor Senior Citizens building, located at 545 Orange Street on December 7, 1984, from 12-4 p.m.

The coordinator for this event is Mrs. Sharyl Young, who is a student intern from Essex County College, on field assignment to NCC Social Services. Mrs. Young is visually impaired, but states that she plans to become a social worker so that she can help others who may be blind as well. She is a single parent.

Sharyl invites everyone who is visually handicapped to join her at this gala holiday celebration. There will be no charge for this party. To make reservations, or for more information call Mrs. Young at 623-6114. Transportation will be provided.

Sharyl Young

be handled with loving care: because you see, Sheila is a product of the ceramic workshop. These ceramic collector's items have movable arms and legs and eyes to capture your heart, complete with birth certificate.

To order a "Ceramikin" of your own see order blank below.

ORDER BLANK FOR "Ceramikin" \$15.00 each

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Child's Name: _____
Eye Color: _____
Date ordered: _____
Deposit \$10.00
Balance due on delivery
Any other particulars (skin color, freckles, etc.) _____

Mail to:
Joyce Holmes
545 Orange Street
Newark, N.J. 07107
-OR-

If in New Community take order to Social Services, 220 Bruce Street. Allow two weeks for delivery completion.

Bishop Francis Celebrates Mass At St. Rose



Young parishioners of St. Rose of Lima greet Bishop Joseph Francis after he celebrated Mass recently at the parish.

Reminds Parishioners of Obligation to Less Fortunate

On Sunday, November 18, the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Rose was offered by Bishop Joseph A. Francis. The theme of the Mass was devoted to our Christian obligation to care for those less fortunate than ourselves. Bishop Francis pointed out that in the United States where there is truly enough for everybody, there are families living in less than poverty conditions. Bishop Francis indicated that he enjoyed delivering his sermon from St. Rose because he felt that if there were a group concerned about poverty and working toward reversing the poverty syndrome we were that group.

New Community has full view of the plights of those in low income and poverty circumstances.

Many of the buildings and services rendered by New Community were direct results of the many needs of the people. For instance the transportation service came after the allowance in SSI that enabled many seniors to go to the doctor or clinic by Medical transportation, was terminated. The fee for most of these services is \$35.00 per day. Already living on the bare minimum, where would these people obtain \$35.00 for transportation? Many of these people were wheelchair bound. New Community social services was alerted and the board began brain-storming to see what could be done. They now have a wheelchair van, and appointments are made through the social services office. The much needed medical care is being taken care of and people are not going hungry to get a ride to the doctor.

Another example of New Community's attention to people's needs is the nursing home expected to open in 1985. With nearly 1000 senior citizen housing units in New Community there is a broad base of needs concerning the elderly, particularly with the aging process alone and periods where illness leaves a resident incapable of in-

dependent living for a period of time.

The new D.R.G. or Diagnostic Review Group, is a method developed to cut the cost in hospital services. It is designed to keep people hospitalized for the shortest possible time, sending them home when they no longer need the professional services of a doctor or nurse for life sustaining reasons. However, many patients are brought home on stretchers as a result of this new ruling and into a situation where there is no one home to care for them; yet they cannot care for themselves. Many have died a few days later because of this situation. The cut-backs in the homemaker and home health aide programs again left them without someone to provide care. Presently, security personnel compassionately answer emergency bells for these ill residents, to bring bed pans and give water so that these residents could take their medication.

When the New Community board heard of this situation, they recognized the need for an extended care facility here and fought successfully to get it. And soon, we will be able to provide proper nursing care for our residents until they really get well enough to go home. If they must remain in the nursing home they will live in the dignity and self respect that they had when they were self sufficient.

The parishioners of St. Rose look forward to the visits of Bishop Francis and gain strength from his awareness of, and constant encouragement and concern for their work.

We thank the Bishop for his most recent visit and pray God's blessing be upon our every endeavor as we continue to pursue the principles recently spelled out in the Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy.

Georgia Ransome

CHRISTMAS

"For unto you is born this day, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."
LUKE 2:11

Christmas is the season of "Peace On Earth good will toward men." It is the most joyous, exciting, and celebrated season of the year. In observance, people: take part in religious ceremonies uniting in their feeling of joy on Christ's birthday; exchange gifts; decorate their homes and Christmas trees; send greeting cards and gifts to friends and relatives.

Most of the Christmas story comes from the Bible: Luke 2 and Matthew 1-2. Matthew tells how the Three Wise Men followed a bright star until it led them to Jesus, while Luke tells the story of shepherds who were watching their flock when an angel appeared to them and told them a Saviour had been born, and would be found wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. The exact number of Wise Men is uncertain; however, St. Chrysotom and St. Augustine said that there were twelve, but common tradition names three, probably because of the symbolic three gifts prophetic of what Jesus was to become. Gaspar, or Caspar, King of Larsus, is said to have brought myrrh signifying that Jesus would be the great physician. Melchior, King of Arabia, brought a casket of gold in the form of a shrine, predicting that Jesus was to become a king, while Balthasar, King of Ethiopia, reputedly of the black race, brought frankincense, prophesying that Jesus

was to become a high priest.

Notwithstanding the prophesies of the three symbolic gifts, there was a divine and heavenly forecast for the life of the divine Baby Jesus. He was made in the likeness of man destined to humble Himself and become obedient unto death. He would have to grapple with sin, meet and overcome Satan, the enemy of man's soul. He would have to pay the price to free man from sin, and that price would be His own blood. He would have to be despised and rejected of man, and be wounded for the transgressions of men, and bruised for their iniquities. He would have to reconcile God and man, and become the great Mediator of history, and eventually die in the place of sinful man. All this would have to be done voluntarily. The very purpose of Christ's coming into the world was that He might offer up His life as sacrifice for the sins of men. He came to die; the shadow of His death would hang like a pall over His life.

At the birth of Baby Jesus Christ, we feel deeply concerned about His mission and future, and place ourselves anew this Christmas season under its hallowing influence joining the worldwide fellowship that Christmas produces, and so realize, in our own experience, something of the One World that is implied in the angel's song:

"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST
AND ON EARTH PEACE,
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN."

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Springfield Branch
Newark Public Library

IT
CAME
TO PASS
IN THOSE
DAYS THAT
THERE WENT
OUT A DECREE
FROM CAESAR AUGUSTUS THAT ALL
THE WORLD SHOULD
BE TAXED: AND THIS
TAXING WAS FIRST MADE
WHEN CYRENIUS WAS GOVERNOR OF SYRIA, AND ALL
WENT TO BE TAXED EVERY ONE
INTO HIS OWN CITY. AND JOSEPH
ALSO WENT UP FROM GALILEE, OUT
OF THE CITY OF NAZARETH, INTO JUDEA, UNTO THE CITY OF DAVID WHICH
IS CALLED BETHLEHEM, BECAUSE HE WAS
OF THE HOUSE AND LINEAGE OF DAVID, TO
BE TAXED WITH MARY HIS ESPOUSED WIFE,
BEING GREAT WITH CHILD. AND SO IT WAS
THAT WHILE THEY WERE THERE, THE DAYS WERE
ACCOMPLISHED THAT SHE SHOULD BE DELIVERED,
AND SHE BROUGHT FORTH HER FIRST-BORN SON,
AND WRAPPED HIM IN SWADDLING CLOTHES, AND
LAID HIM IN A MANGER BECAUSE THERE WAS
NO ROOM FOR THEM IN
THE
INN.
LUKE 2:1-7

HOLIDAY JOY TO ALL